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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 through ²⁹30 and in their place add the following new claims ³⁰31
through ⁵⁵56.

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-31. (NEW) A computer readable medium programmed to operate a method of removing
an empty string term from an automaton A having a set of states "p" and a set of states "q",
the method comprising:

computing an ϵ -closure for each state "p" of the automaton A;

modifying outgoing transitions of each state "p" by:

removing each transition labeled with an empty string; and